

Docket: 445099

**REMARKS**

Consideration of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, and entry of this paper, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10, 16-25, and 36-55 are presently pending and have been allowed.

Claims 2-5, 9, 17, 19, 20, 45, 46 and 50 have been amended. Claims 2, 3, 9 and 45 have been amended for punctuation. Claims 4, 5, 17, 19, 20, 46 and 50 have been amended for consistency, and clarity.

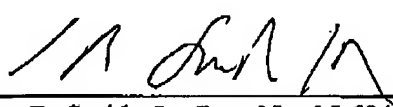
It is respectfully asserted that the aforementioned amendments are directed to formalities only and are not substantive. The aforementioned amendments do not require additional search or examination. These amendments resulted from a further review of the specification upon receiving the aforementioned Notice of Allowability, and therefore, were not earlier presented.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

Applicants believe no fees are due in connection with this amendment, however, if it is determined that any fees are required in connection with the filing of this amendment, Applicants request that they be charged to Deposit Account 12-0600.

Respectfully submitted,  
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